

NSC BRIEFING

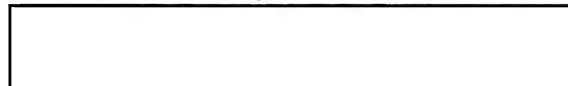
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OFFSHORE ISLAND DEVELOPMENTS

- I. Quemoy activity in past weeks limited to sporadic Communist shelling, "frogmen" raids.

- II. At Tachens, more Communist planes patrolling (first bombers spotted 16 October).





- A. Communist landing reported on undefended islands near Pishan (40 miles SW Tachens). Communist artillery also nearby: suggests possible attack.
- B. Only 1,500 Nationalist guerrillas on Pishan--island easy to take but of little value.



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B. Advent winter monsoons
imminent, but effect on
Communists not certain.
Weather good in stretches
during winter and attacks
could come at any time.